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Ernest Frame House

C. 1920

The tenacity of certain building traditions is often  
proven by 20th Century <sup>EXAMPLES</sup> of 18th and 19th Century house forms.

The Ernest frame house continues the traditional two story  
three bay by one room ~~main block with~~ side hall/parlor ~~floor~~ house  
plan. This basic form has had a continual usage since the late  
18th Century.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 1-135

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Ernest Frame House**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Wards Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Warwick  
Maryland☒ VICINITY OF1  
COUNTY  
Cecil**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Adelaide P. ErnestTelephone #: 275-2242

STREET &amp; NUMBER

~~Wards Hill~~ Route 282

CITY, TOWN

Cecilton☒ VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code  
Maryland 21913**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Clerk of the Circuit CourtLiber #: WAS 298Folio #: 92

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

ElktonSTATE  
Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ernest House is an interesting early 20th century construction of the I-House form with a modified floor plan. Except for the block foundation detailing remains the same as most late 19th century examples.

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**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Ernest House c. 1920 is an I-House form with a side hall/parlor plan. The two story frame is located down a lane to the south of Ward's Hill Road. The house faces north with a E/W gable axis. An older house, owned in 1877 by A. Johns, was at the end of the lane and replaced by this one in the early 20th century.

The Three bay by one room frame main block has a T kitchen wing to the south. A shed roof porch is located in the east side of the kitchen and is partially enclosed. A shed porch with central pediment stretches across the main facade with chamfered corner posts and decorated gable ends. The house rests on a partial concrete block foundation and is sheathed with weatherboard siding. The composition tile roof has a medium pitch with exposed rafter ends.

The north facade has a western bay entrance with multi-pane door and plain trim. The 2/2 sash are with out shutters. A small four pane light illuminates the cross gable. The west gable end is basically plain with a second floor 2/2 sash and four pane attic lights. The east end has a sash on each floor and two that flank the interior end brick stove stack.

The rear kitchen wing is similarly detailed with a central brick stove stack.

Ordinarily early 20th century barn buildings are found south and west of the house.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

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